



By Eddie Ash

CUBS' ITALIAN CATCHER IS 25  
BOTRARINI FOUR YEARS ON COAST

NEWEST Italian sparkler in the major league picture is John Charles (Chick) Bottarini of the Chicago Cubs, a rugged catcher schooled by Truett Hannah at Los Angeles last year and moving up to the big time on the eve of the 1937 season's start. . . . Chick did not make the .300 class in the Pacific Coast League batting averages last season, but collected 12 home runs and batted in 51 markers. . . . He had plenty of preparatory training for his big league job, four years in the Coast League after breaking in with Seattle in August, 1932. . . . He was with San Francisco in 1933 and back at Seattle the next two years.

BOTRARINI is 25 years old and hails from Crockett, Calif., just north of the Golden Gate. . . . He had a year of college baseball before taking up catching as a profession. . . . In the off-season Chick is preparing for a post-baseball career as high school football and diamond coach, his prowess on the gridiron running even with his ball playing in his high school days. . . . The opportunity to break into the majors resulted from injuries to the Cubs' first string backstops, Gabby Hartnett and Ken O'Dea, and the Italian answered the emergency call by riding a plane from Los Angeles to Chicago.

THE holdout fever has spread to professional football. . . . Tuffy Leemans is demanding an extra chunk of money from the New York Giants. . . . The former George Washington University gridiron gaped more ground than any other back in the National Pro League last year. . . . The Indians-Millers game in Minneapolis yesterday was played in 1 hour 35 minutes. . . . Which is unusually fast for Nicolet Park where the fans are accustomed to watching slugging bees of at least two and one-half hours duration. . . . Bob Nestell, young Pacific Coast heavyweight boxer, is handicapped in a peculiar way. . . . His face swells very easily from punches and even light blows make him look in distress.

GRADUATES of the University of Alabama are proud of their alma mater as a spawning ground for good ball players. . . . With Luke Seidl of the Chicago White Sox and Freddy Sington of the Washington Nationals upholding the school's colors in the major leagues, there are five other former Crimson Tide men carrying on in the Southern Association. . . . They are Rigg Stephenson, Birmingham's playing manager; Ligrant Scott, Baron outfielder; Lee Rogers, Little Rock pitcher; Dixie Howell, Memphis third baseman; and Jim Tabor, Little Rock third baseman. . . . Tabor, who quit school just this spring, is the young man who belted out a home run with the bases loaded off Bob Feller, Cleveland's strike-out king, in an exhibition game.

WITH the pennant races still in their infancy, a new world's record has already been set for greatest distance a player can be sent when released outright. . . . Mahmud Blaza is the player and he is now on his way to Albania (not Albany, International League but Albania, League of Nations). . . . Since 1919, Blaza has played regularly on the Sing Sing Prison baseball team. . . . When Gov. Lehman of New York pardoned Blaza recently, he backed on a clause ordering Blaza deported immediately. . . . Even the fact that Blaza was a 10-year man could not save him from leaving for Albania in custody of a Federal immigration agent.

DEB GARMIS, Boston Bees' lead-off hitter, was the star shortstop at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, and started his pro career as an infielder, shortstopping and third-basing for Abilene, Spartanburg, Augusta, Topeka and Wichita Falls. . . . But it was his switch to the outfield that made him look as big league caliber, his Texas League batting average boasting to .344 for the season when he gave up grounder-grabbing and settled down to serious outfielding.

## GOLFING By G. H. D.

Now the boys have a pretty sound idea what they're up against on June 15, when the second round of the District goes to Highland. The tee markers were placed far back yesterday in the Pro-Amateur and so were the pins. It was a rugged layout.

Familiarity may never comprehend for Highland, but it won't hurt the score if you know the culls of the greens and the tricky rolls and dips of the fairways that make distance hard to figure.

The benefits of watered fairways show up more each year. Tough, thick turf, not just in spots but everywhere from tee to green, drew comment of many players yesterday. Improved lies were allowed, but it seemed almost a sacrifice on that carpet. It was hard to find a spot where a lie could be improved. Many shooters finally stopped trying and blazed away from wherever they were.

And the greens were perfect, as is usual at Highland. True and keen, and if there was grain it could not be ascertained with the naked eye.

There is no excuse for not firing your best game at Highland, but if predictions are in order we'll guess that many distict scores will suffer there on June 15.

As for yesterday's pro-amateur, Marion Smith is a sturdy man to have along when 10 and 15-foot putts are needed for birdies. Likewise when nasty little four and six-footers are necessary for pars.

Because of this steady habit, Marion and his three amateurs finished a stroke ahead with a best ball of 67. They dropped only one hole on par and rapped in four birds en route. V. Campbell contributed a trey on 17 and Ray Robins made a number of short pars when things looked rocky. It is nearly impossible in such a match to figure individual scores, but if all putts had been scored, it would have been holed Marion would have been close to 70.

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**Historic Race Meeting**  
Six trotting races, the aggregate age totaling more than 300 years, will be contested at the annual Lexington, Ky., trott this fall.

## BRADLEY-WIDENER RACING FEUD IS DENIED

### 'At Least You Can't Prove It,' Joe Says

'Exaggerated, We Are Still Friends,' Colonel Tells Writer.

By JOE WILLIAMS  
Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, May 11.—It isn't true what they have been saying about Col. E. R. Bradley and Joe E. Widener. They aren't fighting. At least you can't prove it. This was one of the things I tried to investigate down in Kentucky.

For some reason this seems to be an important story—and undoubtedly is in the racing world. From so many sources I had heard the Colonel and Mr. Widener did not speak as they passed by that I wondered if it could be true.

I spent so much time wondering I failed even to go over to Man O' War's stable and interview him on just how he felt about his little boy's victory in the Derby—and I hope not too many people will look upon this as just an alibi.

Any way the Colonel and Mr. Widener have been running Hialeah in Miami for the last several years. The records show the park was run by Mr. Widener but if you access to financial statements you would have known the Colonel was not altogether a disinterested bystander.

Over the winter there was a sharp change in the financial set-up—or at least there was a widely circulated report that such a change had taken place. This report ran the full gamut. There had been a personal row between the two men over this and that, there had been a showdown—the net result of the showdown was that the Colonel had taken all his money out of the track.

The colonel himself tells me the report is grossly exaggerated. "Mr. Widener and I are still friends. I think he is a very nice man and that he has a very nice track. It is true that at one time I was more heavily interested in his track than I am today. But it isn't true that I am no longer interested. I am taking some of my money out of the track—\$125,000 to be exact—but I still am a stockholder."

#### A Matter of Guesswork

This would mean that the colonel is still a very heavy stockholder in the track because it is pretty generally known that when the depression checked in on Florida racing, especially in tatters and without a slave, the colonel saved Hialeah to the rumored extent of some \$600,000. Like many another wealthy man of the period, Mr. Widener was hard hit for ready cash. The colonel came up with it. Came up with enough, in fact, to make him virtually co-owner of the track.

That there has been some sort of a change in the relations between the colonel and Mr. Widener seems to be pretty obvious. Reports of this nature don't grow out of thin air. And certainly they don't persist.

Besides which it is not easy to explain why the colonel decided to sell his interest in the company. He is the type of person who normally would much prefer to add to his holdings in a race track.

Just what has happened—if anything—will have to be guessed at. I haven't been able to interview Mr. Widener on the subject but the colonel has established a national reputation for his integrity—and when he says the original picture hasn't been significantly altered you must believe him.

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## PAR-agraphs

This is the first in a series of helpful hints for the golfer.

By ART KRENZ  
NEA Service Golf Writer.

PLAYING the Austin, Tex., municipal course, Milburn Taylor hit a wild hook off the 15th tee. The ball, out of bounds by 50 yards, landed on the roof of a passing trolley car as it made a curve close to the fence bordering the course. The ball rolled off the roof into a trap at the edge of the green. Taylor had made a deuce. It was par, No. 4.

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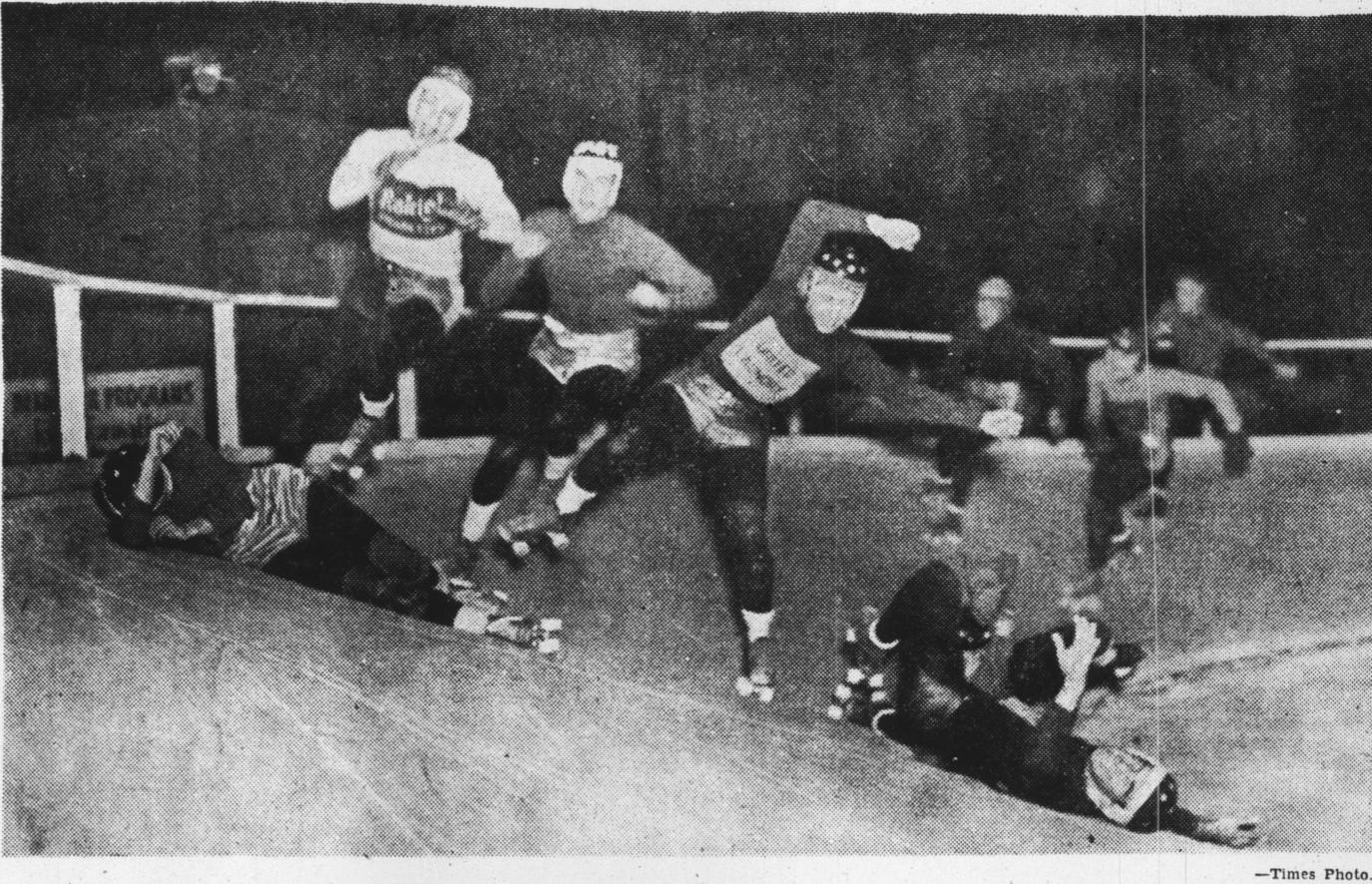
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### Camera Catches Thrilling Spill at Roller Derby



A case of too much speed. . . . Three contestants in the roller derby spill on one of the banked turns. The others coming up fast are attempting to hold their own equilibrium under trying circumstances. —Times Photo.

## Manual High Thinlies Win

Defeat Park, 66 to 41, in Dual Meet.

Manual High School trackmen scored their third dual track and field victory of the year yesterday when they defeated Park School, 66 to 41, at the Delavan Smith Athletic Field.

Jack Corriden, Park sprinter, took individual scoring honors with 11 points. He also established a new track record by running the 100 in 10.1. Vestal Smith was high scorer for Manual with 10 points. Summary:

100-Yard Dash—Corriden, Park, first; Galy, Park, second; Smyser, Manual, third. 300-Yard Dash—Corriden, Park, first; Galy, Park, second; Smyser, Manual, third. 400-Yard Dash—Galy, Park, first; Smyser, Manual, second; Corriden, Park, third. 220-Yard Dash—Corriden, Park, first; Galy, Park, second; Smyser, Manual, third. 1-Mile Dash—Galy, Park, first; Smyser, Manual, second; Corriden, Park, third. 100-Yard Hurdles—Owens, Manual, first; Corriden, Park, second; Smyser, Manual, third. 300-Yard Hurdles—Owens, Manual, first; Corriden, Park, second; Smyser, Manual, third. 400-Yard Hurdles—Owens, Manual, first; Corriden, Park, second; Smyser, Manual, third. 800-Yard Hurdles—Owens, Manual, first; Corriden, Park, second; Smyser, Manual, third. 1-Mile Relay—Manual, Hickey, Snoddy, Corriden, Park, first; Galy, Smyser, Galy, Park, second. 400-Mile Relay—Park, Corriden, Galy, Smyser, Galy, Park, first; Galy, Smyser, Galy, Park, second. 1/2-Mile Relay—Park, Corriden, Galy, Smyser, Galy, Park, first; Galy, Smyser, Galy, Park, second. 1-Mile Relay—Manual, Hickey, Snoddy, Corriden, Park, first; Galy, Smyser, Galy, Park, second. 1/2-Mile Relay—Park, Corriden, Galy, Smyser, Galy, Park, first; Galy, Smyser, Galy, Park, second.

Definitely irritated by press reports that refer to him as a "playboy" Joe is perfectly frank to disclose where his money came from and how he intends to make it increase and fulfill a long-time ambition.

At present the young New Yorker has plans for entering the New York to Paris airplane race, for participating in the Vanderbilt Cup Race at Roosevelt Raceway in July, and for attempting to break Gay Wood's 124-mile-an-hour speedboat record next summer.

Thorne is 22 and is studied in Rutgers College and the University of London. While preparing for law he raced boats all during his preparatory and college years. He is married to a Southern girl who he describes as being the brains behind the business end of the Thorne racing team.

Asked if his wife objected to his racing, he said: "No she doesn't object, she keeps the books of the outfit."

## Wealthy Youth Grateful For Chance to Enter 500

Feller Turns To Studies

Expect Physics to Be His Toughest Subject.

By United Press

VAN METER, Iowa, May 11.—Bob Feller, Cleveland Indians' 18-year-old strikeout artist, limped up his million-dollar arm today for a heavy session of pen-pushing in the four examinations he must pass to receive his graduation diploma in Van Meter's red brick high school Friday night.

Feller's most formidable foe was the youthful driver said, "Just always have liked to race with somebody." The young sportsman being six foot four, is the easiest of the (Turn to Page 18)

## Comer Scores 637 At Illinois Alleys

Ray Comer, rolling in the Illinois League, posted a 637 for high score on local drivers last night. H. Akard, with the Fisk Tires in the Wheeler's Lunch loop at the Central runways, turned in a 607 for tops. In the Automotive circuit at the Hotel Antlers W. Hunter paced the pin-men with a 592.

There are three openings in the Pennsylvania Alleys spring league which is to launch its schedule next Tuesday at 8 p.m. For information call RILEY 0078.

**SCORES TECHNICAL K. O.**  
JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 11.—Billy Beauhoun, Jersey City, scored a technical knockout over Augie Gonzales in 1:10 of the first round of their scheduled 10-rounders here last night.

**BATCH ON WAY**  
SYDNEY, May 11.—Alf Batch, lightweight boxing champion of Australia, is going to make a tour of the United States.

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## Wabash Nine Tops DePauw

Cooney of Little Giants Smashes Homer.

By United Press  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., May 11.—Featured by a smashing home run by Cooney, Scarlet second baseman, Wabash defeated DePauw, 5 to 1, here yesterday. The Wabash victory was the second of the season over DePauw.

Davis held DePauw hitless for seven innings but was relieved by Prestin after the visitors had filled the bases. Prestin checked the rally and held DePauw scoreless until the ninth, when the visitors scored on a hit and an error. Score:

DePauw ..... 000 000 001—1 2 3  
Wabash ..... 110 062 10X—5 6 8  
Randels, Knowl and Vavas: Davis, Prestin and Vanduzer.

Purdue Trounces Louisiana Tech, 11-0

By United Press  
LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 11.—Led by Pat Malaska, Boilermaker catcher (Turn to Page 18)

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